

district. At least, that is the basis for the ruling of the Chair.

Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: May I address a question to Delegate Malkus?

THE CHAIRMAN: Certainly. Delegate Malkus, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE MALKUS: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Delegate Malkus, do you intend this prohibition to be with regard only to the employees of the State of Maryland, or do you intend it also to reach to employees of political subdivisions, such as the counties and the City of Baltimore?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, when I wrote the amendment, I intended it to apply only to the employees of the State of Maryland. I know, Mr. President, when you are trying to get something, you find reasons why it should not have been expanded in other directions, but my intention was to stick to the State of Maryland at the present time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Delegate Hardwicke.

DELEGATE HARDWICKE: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Weidemeier.

DELEGATE WEIDEMEIER: Mr. President, I would like to ask Delegate Malkus a question.

I think I understand he wants it to apply to employees of the State of Maryland. I do not know how far the State of Maryland goes inasmuch as there are some county and city hospitals which may be owned by those various subdivisions, or the various subdivisions may contribute heavily to the maintenance of them. To me it is just as important that the hospitals of Baltimore City, or the hospitals of any county be protected just as much as the various state hospitals and I am wondering if the words, "State of Maryland," are broad enough to include all of the subdivisions and the municipalities of the State.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I intended this to be for the employees of

the State of Maryland, as I have said originally, and naturally, we have courts that can decide as to who the employees of the State of Maryland are. I wrote this amendment, as many amendments have to be written, in haste. I wrote it to cover the employees of the State of Maryland. Now, if you want to go ahead and kill this amendment and find little reasons to vote against it, that, of course, naturally is your privilege, but I am absolutely opposed to employees of the State of Maryland striking against the State and that is the purpose of my amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any further discussions?

Delegate Key.

DELEGATE KEY: I have a question of Delegate Malkus, please.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, I never knew I had so much time. You are being mighty lenient with me now, but I will naturally yield to the lady.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Key.

DELEGATE KEY: Delegate Malkus, I, too, am concerned and very much interested in the people of the State of Maryland. Unfortunately, I guess, I am interested in all of the people, especially hospital workers, since I have a vested interest there.

Now, what I would like to know is this: I know you would be very disappointed if — you used the example of Rosewood State Training School — one of the attendants there or all of the attendants there left those poor mentally retarded children because they were under-paid, unable to have a decent standard of living. I wonder if you prevent these people from striking if you would in some way be willing to make the State have an obligation to these people who are giving of themselves unselfishly, so that they when they return from the sick and mentally disturbed and mentally retarded children and go home to their own children, that they have something to give to their own children, since they are not going to be able to strike to get it.

Do you feel the State is obligated in some other way to provide what they need?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

DELEGATE MALKUS: Mr. President, the lady did give me a rather long question.